
Richmond Highway - Telegraph Road Connector

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

February 17, 2005

**Mount Vernon High School
Alexandria, Virginia**

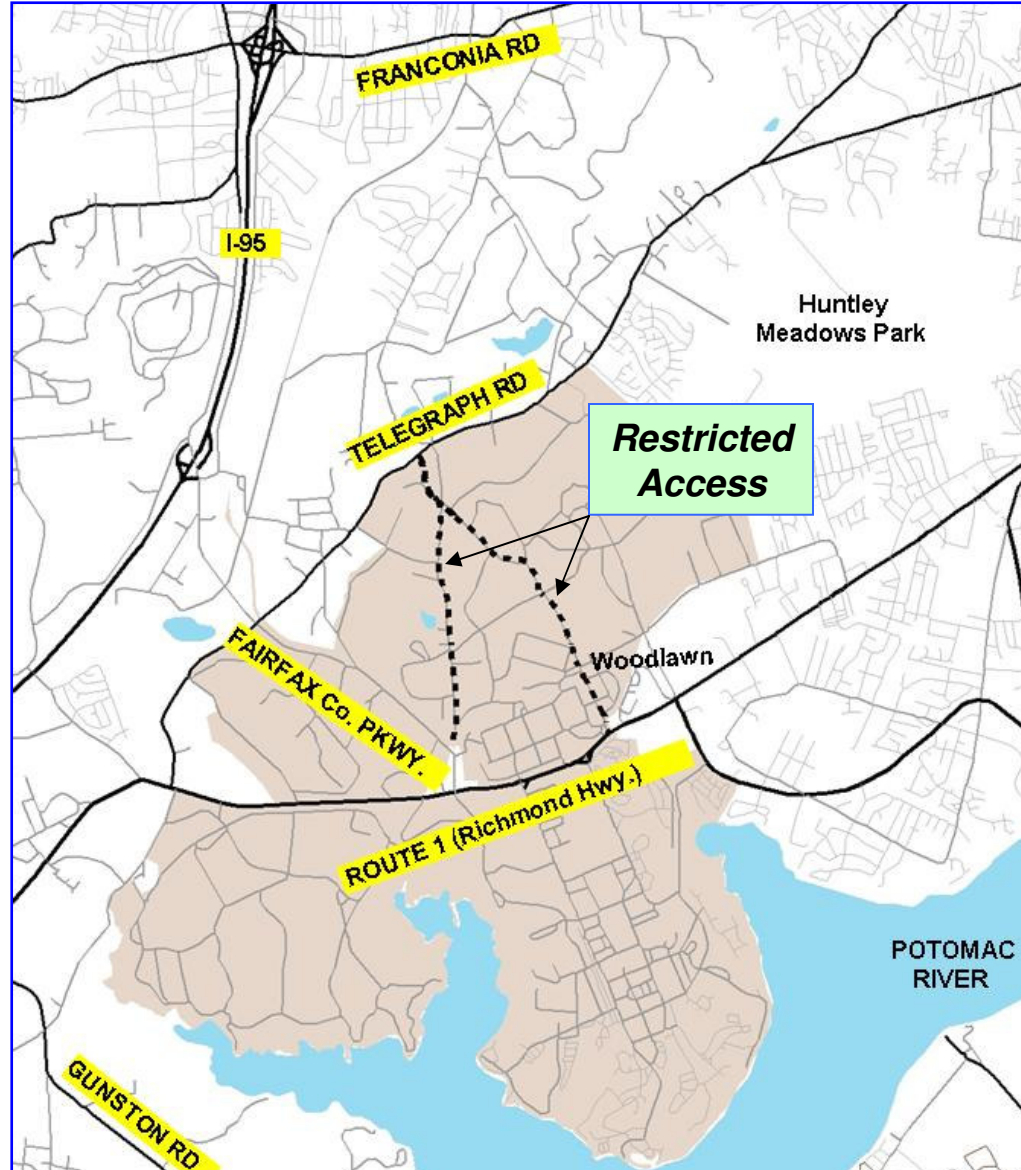
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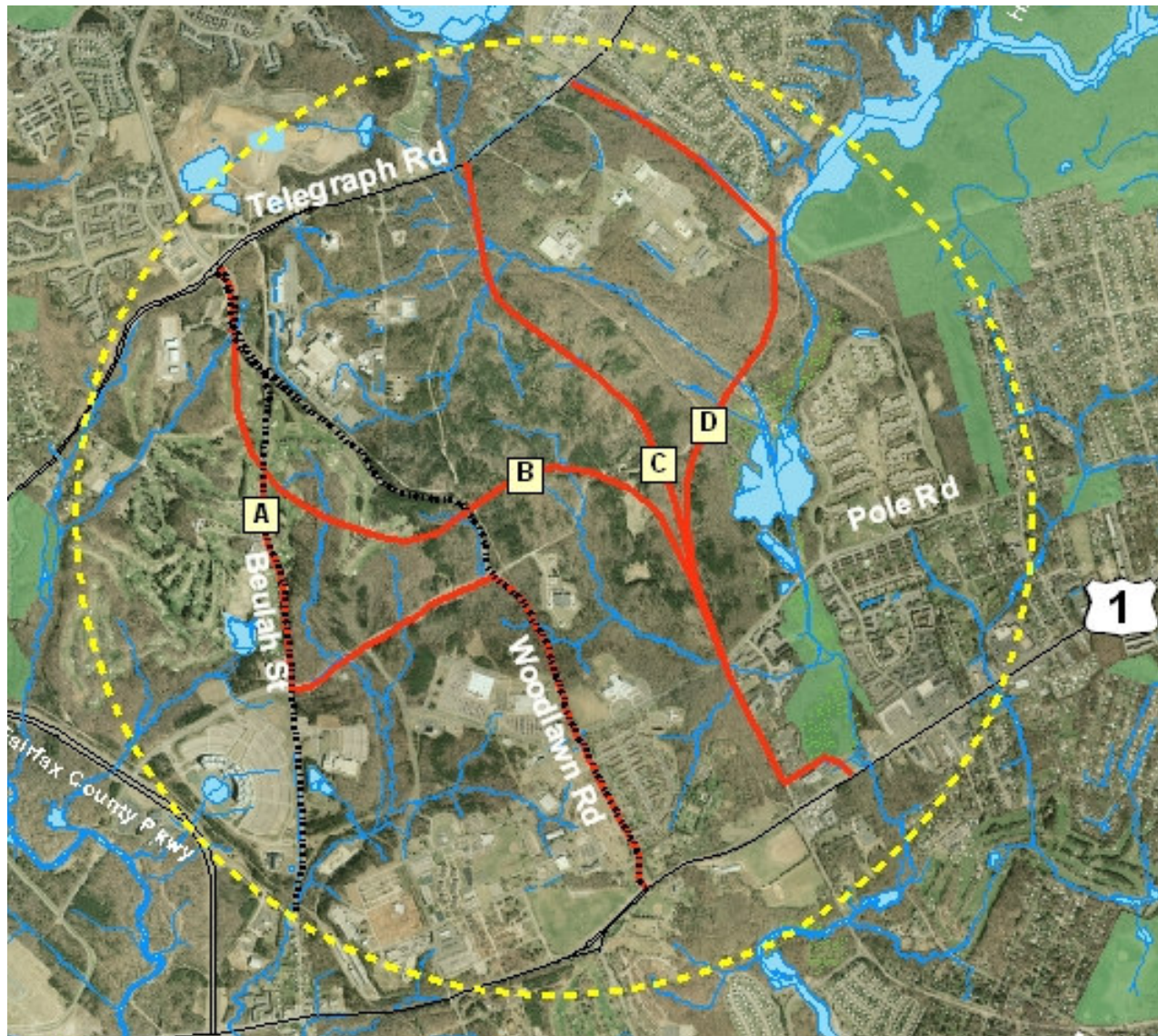
- **Project Name**
 - **Meeting Facilitator:**
 - Jack Van Dop, Project Manager*
 - Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division*
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)*
 - **Purpose of Tonight's Meeting:**
 - Public Information and Input**
 - **Project Location and Description**
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Fort Belvoir

Richmond Highway - Telegraph Road Connector: Study Area



AGENDA

- **Project Purpose, Need & Description**
- **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) & National Historic Preservation Act Processes**
- **Work to Date**
- **Project Schedule**
- **Public Input**



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Bill Novak – HDR Engineering, Inc.

- **Restricted Access After 9/11/01**

*Closure of Beulah Street and Woodlawn Road
to General Public*

- **Continued Requirement for Enhanced
Security**

- **Project Purpose & Need: Replacement
Access for General Public**

STAKEHOLDER AGENCIES

- **FHWA (Lead Agency)**



- **U.S. Army**

- Fort Belvoir
- Humphreys Engineering Center
- Corps of Engineers – Baltimore District



- **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**

- **Fairfax County**



FHWA Consultant: HDR Engineering, Alexandria, VA

OTHER STUDIES

- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, November 2003**
Preliminary Feasibility Study
 - Conducted under Congressional Mandate
 - Examined potential solutions and alternative corridors
 - Macro-level assessment of impacts, no field verification
 - Highlights advantages and disadvantages of potential corridors
 - No recommendation made
 - **Subsequent Stakeholder Recommendations**
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OTHER STUDIES (Cont.)

- **Fort Belvoir Real Property Master Plan – Long Range Component**
 - Forecasted growth of employment, base housing and traffic
 - Facility locations and security buffers
 - Includes a new Richmond Highway - Telegraph Rd. Connector
 - **VDOT and Fairfax County Traffic Studies and Road Construction Plans (Parkway, Route 1)**
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

■ **Transportation Objectives**

■ **Study Area**

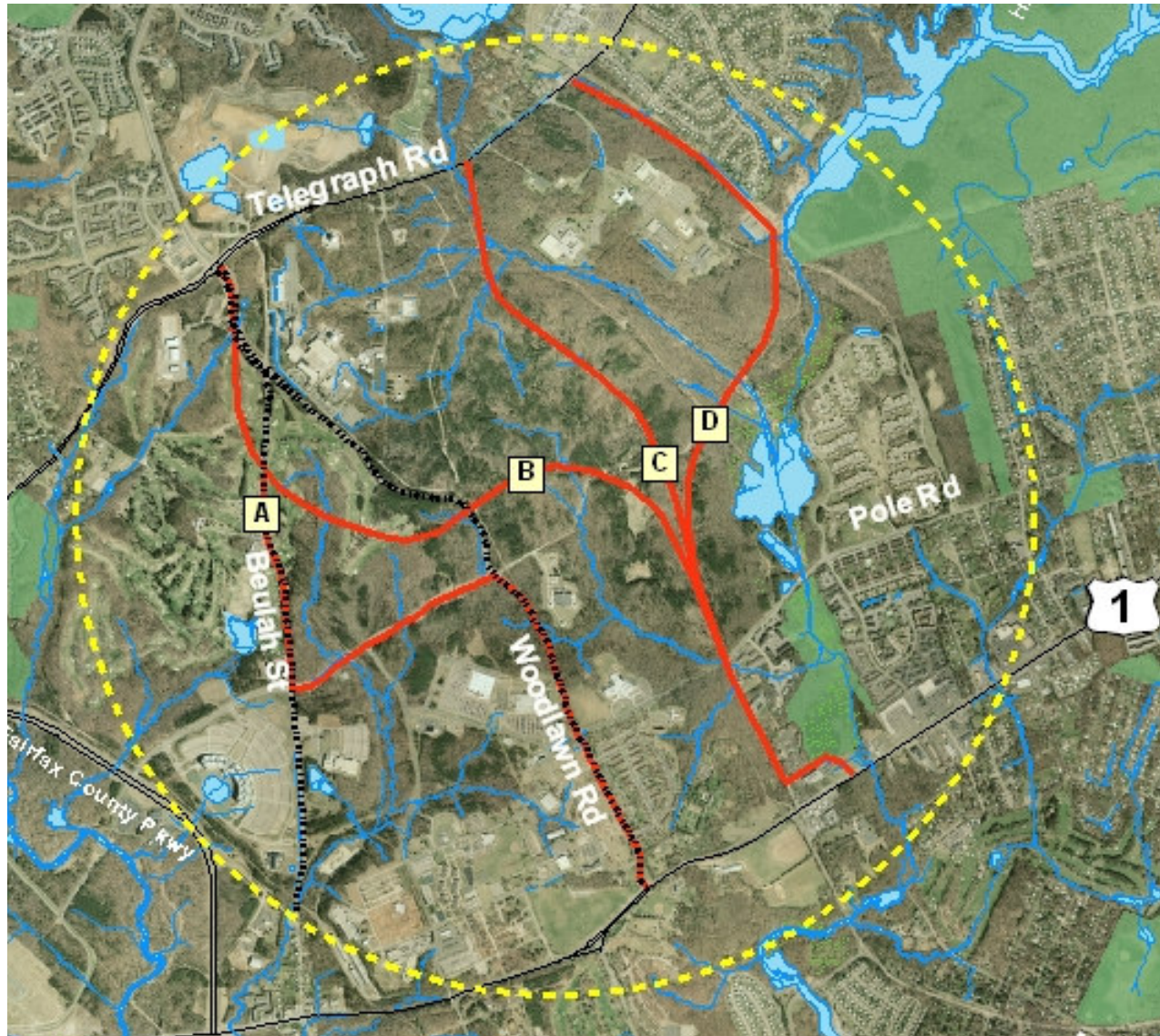
- Replacement access
- Logical termini
- Traffic forecasts and issues
- Environmental resources
- Security constraints



PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Cont.)

- **Potential Alternative Corridors**
 - Feasibility Study (7 alternative corridors)
 - Subsequent recommendations
 - **Alternative Corridors (A thru D)**
 - **Develop & Analyze Additional Alternatives**
 - Road corridors - TSM / TDM
 - **Termini Locations: Telegraph Rd. & U.S. Route 1**
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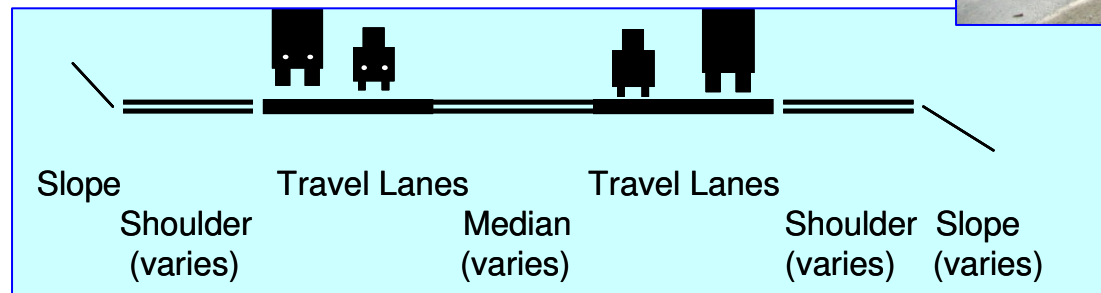
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- **4-Lane Facility to Replace Two 2-Lane Roads**
- **Roadway Type**
- **Secure Roadway through Fort for Public**
- **VDOT Owned and Maintained**



PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Cont.)

- **Typical Section**
 - Typical width,
 - special mitigation sections
 - Amenities



NEPA PROCESS

- **Legal Requirements**
- **Scoping Process**
- **Agency and Public Involvement**
- **Environmental Factors**
 - Natural environmental resources
 - Community resources and issues
 - Historic and cultural resources and sites



NEPA PROCESS (Cont.)

- **Alternatives Analysis**
- **Environmental Impacts**
 - Avoid - Minimize - Mitigate
- **Document Type: Anticipated Environmental Assessment (EA)**
- **Decision Document Completes the NEPA Process**

TASKS

- ✓ **Review of *Preliminary Feasibility Study***
 - ✓ **Agency / Stakeholder Meeting**
 - ✓ **Identify Study Area**
 - **Data Collection, Mapping and Resource Identification**
 - **Range of Alternatives**
 - **Field Work to Commence in March**
 - **Candidate Alternatives**
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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Start-up	Oct. 2004
Public Information Meeting	Feb. 2005
Release NEPA Document	Late Summer 2005
Public Information Meeting	Late Summer 2005
Complete NEPA Process	Fall 2005

PUBLIC INPUT

- Help Identify Issues & Concerns
- Comment on Alternatives
- Participate this Evening
- Mail in Comments
- E-mail to: jack.j.vandop@fhwa.dot.gov
- Web site for project updates:
www.evl.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/active_projects.htm

